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Dear Ms. Scott,

At a board meeting of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy held on December 7, 2011, the Board voted to pledge its full support for Nevada's selection as a Regional Action Coalition (RAC) proposed by the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE) and the Nevada Health Care Sector Council, for the purpose of advancing the recommendations included in the Institute of Medicine's report on The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health initiative.

This application is very timely in that it coincides with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board's recent selection as a grantee for a Planning Grant funded by the U.S. Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The objectives of this grant are being carried out by the Nevada Health Care Sector Council, a board of 26 members appointed by the Governor representative of Nevada's health care, labor, education, business and government sectors. The principal outcome of the project is to address workforce shortages especially in the primary health care workforce over the next ten years. The project will also move Nevada forward in developing a system for uniform information and data collection on health professions supply and demand.

The Nevada Health Care Sector Council has identified nursing as one of its primary strategic workforce priorities. The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action presents opportunity for nurses to fully participate and provide leadership in the transformation of quality health care.

The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy is pleased to offer our strong support for Nevada's selection as a RAC, and is willing to work in conjunction with the RAC in addressing solutions to challenges facing the nursing profession and in advancing quality health care for all Nevadans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Pinson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Larry L. Pinson, Pharm. D.
Executive Secretary

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DEA Final Rule Places Carisoprodol in Schedule IV

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a final rule, placing carisoprodol into Schedule IV of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA), effective January 11, 2012. The DEA [notice](#) (PDF) regarding the final rule includes a summary of the background and procedural history of the final rule and a detailed review of the data considered in determining whether the drug should be scheduled. The notice was published in the *Federal Register* on December 12, 2011.

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FW: Record 64% Rate Honesty, Ethics of Members of Congress Low

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Record 64% Rate Honesty, Ethics of Members of Congress Low**Ratings of nurses, pharmacists, and medical doctors most positive**

by Jeffrey M. Jones

Gallup

PRINCETON, NJ -- Sixty-four percent of Americans rate the honesty and ethical standards of members of Congress as "low" or "very low," tying the record "low"/"very low" rating Gallup has measured for any profession historically. Gallup has asked Americans to rate the honesty and ethics of numerous professions since 1976, including annually since 1990. Lobbyists also received a 64% low honesty and ethics rating in 2008.

This year's update, from a Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Gallup poll, finds Americans rating the honesty and ethical standards of 3 medical professions -- nurses, pharmacists, and doctors -- the highest of the 21 professions tested. At the other end of the spectrum, Americans give the least positive honesty and ethics ratings to members of Congress, lobbyists, car salespeople, and telemarketers.

Nurses consistently top the list, having done so each year since they were first included in 1999 -- apart from 2001, when firefighters were included on a one-time basis to measure public support for them after their heroic actions on 9/11. In addition to nurses and firefighters, medical doctors (1976), clergy (1977, 1981, 1983, 1985), and pharmacists (1988 and 1990-1998) have also ranked as the top-rated profession in a given year.

Americans Highly Negative on Members of Congress

In general, Congress members' honesty and ethics ratings have never been that positive, averaging 15% very high or high and peaking at 25% in 2001. What has changed in recent years is the growing proportion of Americans rating their honesty and ethics as very low or low, rising from 22% in 2001 to 64% today.

This year's ratings of members of Congress are the worst for them on record, with 7% rating them as high and 64% as low. That is consistent with Americans' poor views of Congress in general, as both its job approval rating and broader trust in the institution are also at record lows.

Several Professions Set or Tie New High Honesty/Ethics Ratings

Congress is the only profession that established a new low rating for the profession this year. In contrast, the 84% of Americans who rate the honesty and ethics of nurses as very high or high this year is tied for the highest rating nurses have received. They achieved the same rating in 2001, 2006, and 2008.

For pharmacists and medical doctors, the poll also finds honesty and ethical ratings that tie or set new highs. The trend for doctors dates back to 1976, with 56% rating them highly that year. This year's 70% rating for doctors eclipses the previous high from 2006 by one percentage point. The rating for pharmacists, first measured in 1981, this year ties that profession's historical high, from 2006.

There is also a new high in ratings of accountants (43%), first measured in 2000 but whose score slipped to 32% in 2002 in the wake of the Arthur Andersen accounting scandal for its handling of Enron's books. Building contractors (26%) and real estate agents (20%) also tied or established new high ratings, though both continue to have fairly low ratings in general.

Implications

By any measure, Americans' views of Congress are as poor as they have ever been, and Congress now ties lobbyists as the most disparaged profession Gallup has ever tested. Some of the frustration with Congress is no doubt related to the poor economy, which is also keeping down President Obama's job ratings. Congress' poor ratings also likely result from the institution's inability to address the key issues facing the country, such as jobs and the federal budget deficit, with the failure of the "supercommittee" to reach agreement on deficit reduction a recent example.

On the other hand, Americans are as positive as they have ever been about those in medical professions, though the public has always held doctors, nurses, and pharmacists in high esteem.

Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted Nov. 28-Dec. 1, 2011, with a random sample of 1,012 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.



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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

ACTIVITIES REPORT

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2011 BOARD MEETING HELD IN RENO, NEVADA

This report is prepared and presented to keep interested legislators and others abreast of the activities of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy. Following is a summary of the December, 2011 Board meeting.

Licensing Activity:

- 26 licenses were granted for Out-of-State MDEG (Medical Devices, Equipment and Gases) companies.
- 12 licenses were granted for Out-of-State pharmacies.
- 9 licenses were granted for Out-of-State wholesalers.
- 4 licenses were granted for a Nevada pharmacy (pending inspection).
- 6 licenses were granted for a Nevada MDEG company and 1 tabled.

Disciplinary Action:

- Physician GK was put on probation for two years with monitoring of her controlled substance prescription activity for pre-signing prescription blanks & leaving them with office staff to complete while she was on vacation.

Other Activity:

- The usual Board business reports were given, including recent and future speaking engagements.
- A presentation was given by Affiliated Monitors to discuss the services of a monitoring service in specific disciplinary cases.
- Support was given to the Nevada Nursing Regional Action Coalition to back their efforts to better provide nursing services to the citizens of Nevada.
- The revised comprehensive review of regulations to be presented to the Governor was approved by the Board.
- Board discussions were held on E-prescribing of controlled substances; controlled substance diversion in pharmacies and on prescription drug abuse education.

- A petition, submitted by the Retail Assn of Nevada, was heard to amend a pharmacist's right to decline to fill a prescription (if that prescription would cause harm to the patient or if the prescription is fraudulent) to a pharmacist having to fill every prescription presented to him.